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THE OBSERVATOR.

Endeavours of the Male-Contents againſt the Hannover *Succeſſion. An Account of the Houſe of* Hannover, *and of the Relations of that Illuſtrious Family. The Juſtice of the People of* England *in making the Act of Settlement. The Reaſonableneſs and the Advantages thereof.*

From Saturday February the 27th, to Wednesday March the 3d, 170⅔.

Country m. MAſter *Obſervator*, The Male-contents at *London*, are ſtill in the Pouts about Clauſe in the Abjuration Bill, making it h Treaſon for any Perſon after any manner ndeavour to alter the Succeſſion as it is eſtaed by Law, and they ſay that the Houſe of mmons divided upon that Clauſe, and that as carried but by one Vote.

Obſ. We have a parcel of Men among us, for Siniſter Ends, and to embroil the State, Scandalize even Parliaments themſelves. I aſſure thee, honeſt Country-man, that Clauſe ting to the *Hannover*-Succeſſion, paſſed the uſe of Commons, without any Oppoſition Diviſion; and the Diviſion of the Houſe was n a Clauſe relating to Perſons, who by Neect or Omiſſion had Forfeited any Office, Befice, &c. by not taking the Abjuration Oath. now this Story has been trump'd up by ſome ople, and thoſe of different Perſwaſions, ſome make us believe that the Act of Settlement d an indifferent Poiſe in the Houſe, and to miſpreſent the Actions of particular Members, prejudice them at a New Election; for we not believe a Corporation of ſuch intollera- Coxcombs can be found in *England*, as to nſe one to Repreſent them in Parliament who oted againſt the Succeſſion of the Crown in e Proteſtant Line.

Country-m. Pray, Sir, what is this Houſe of *Hannover*, theſe Fellows rail ſo abominably gainſt? I am apt to think it is a Noble Proeſtant Family, becauſe theſe People ſpeak ſo uch againſt it.

Obſ. The next Heir to the Crown of *England* the Princeſs *Sophia*, Dutcheſs *Dowager* of *Hanover*, Daughter to *Frederick*, the 5th, Elector *Palatine*, and King of *Bohemia*, and of *Elizabeth* Daughter to *James* I. King of *England*; ſhe was Married to *Erneſt Auguſtus*, Elector of *Hannover*, who by her had Iſſue, 1. *George Lewis* the preſent Elector, who was Born in the Year 1660, and Succeeded his Father in 1698. He Married *Sophia Dorothy*, the Daughter of his Unkle *George William* the preſent Duke of *Zell*, in the Year 1682, by whom he has two Children, *viz. George Auguſtus* born in 1683. and *Dorothea Sophia*, Born in 1685, 2. *Maximilian* Born 1666. 3. *Chriſtian* Born 1671. 4. *Erneſt Auguſtus*, Born 1674. 5. *Sophia Charlotte*, Born in 1678. and Married to *Frederick* the 3d. the preſent King of *Pruſſia*; ſo that you ſee the Succeſſion of the Crown of *England*, does not only depend upon a numerous Iſſue of a Noble Proteſtant Family, but by Marriages that Family is ſupported by none of the meaneſt of Proteſtant Powers beyond the Seas.

The Elector *Palatine*, *John William Joſeph*, Born in 1659, and Married to the Daughter of *Coſmus* III. now Great Duke of *Florence*; he has three Brothers, and four Siſters Living, *viz. Charles Philip*, who Married *Loviſe Charlotte de Radzeville*, Widow of *Lewis* Marquis of *Brandenburgh*; *Alexander Sigismond*, Dean of *Ausburgh*, and Preſident of the Chapter of *Conſtance*; *Francis Lewis* made Biſhop of *Breſlaw* 1683, and upon the Deceaſe of his Brother *Lewis*, was choſen great Maſter of the *Teutonick* Order in 1689. *Philip Auguſtus*, another Brother, Dyed in *Bohemia* in 1693. where he had Married *Frances* Daughter to *Julius* Duke of *Sax-Lawenburgh*, and left by her two Daughters, *Leopoldina*, and *Mary*. The Siſters Living are *Eleonora Magdalen Thereſia*, Married to the preſent Emperour *Leopold*; *Mary Ann*, Married to *Charles* the 2d. King of *Spain*, and is now a Widow. *Hedwig Elizabeth*, Married to *James* Eldeſt Son of the late King of *Poland*, and *Dorothy Sophia*, Married to the preſent Duke of *Parma*.

The Princes of the Houſe *Palatine* are (1.) *Chriſtian Auguſtus* Count *Palatine* of *Sulzbach*, Married to *Amelia* of *Naſſau* Deceaſed, by whom he had divers Children, whereof the Hereditary Prince is Named *Theodore*. (2) The Count *Palatine* of *Deux Ponts*. The chief of which Family is *Charles* the 12th, the preſent King of *Swedland*; beſides which, there are two Sons, and as many Daughters of *Adolph John*, Brother to the Famous *Charles Guſtavus* King of *Sweden*, and great Uncle to this preſent King. (3) *Chriſtian* 2d. *Palatine* of *Birkenfield*, who by *Catharine Agatha* Daughter to *John James* late Earl of *Kappalſteld*, has divers Children.

The preſent Elector of *Hannover*, who is to ſucceed his Mother on the *Engliſh* Throne, by Marrying the Duke of *Zell*'s Daughter, ſtrengthens the Houſe of *Hannover* by a Bond of Conſanguinity. This Lady, the Daughter of *George William* Duke of *Zell*, and of the Lady *Eleonora Deſiniers*, Daughter of *Alexander Baron* of *Olbrence* in *France*, and by the Marriage of their Daughter to the preſent Elector of *Hannover*, the two Dutchies, after the Death of the preſent Duke of *Zell*, will become United; ſo that thoſe two Powers under one Adminiſtration, will be formidable.

In the next place, the *Hannover* Family by Blood is United to the moſt Illuſtrious Houſe of *Brandenburgh*, whereof *Frederick* the 3d. the preſent Elector, by conſent of the Empire in the Year 1700. aſſumed the Title of *Frederick* the

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1st. King of *Prussia*, and has since been congratulated as such by most of the Princes of *Europe*. He Married *Sophia Charlotte* Daughter of *Ernest Augustus*, late Elector of *Hannover*, in 1684. by whom he has a Son named *Frederick William*, besides a Daughter by his first Wife *Elizabeth Henrietta*, Daughter to *William* late *Langrave* of *Hesse*, whose Name is *Loviſe Dorothy*, Married to the Hereditary Prince of *Hesse-Cassel*. The King of *Prussia* has three Brothers Living, *viz. Philip William*, born in 1669. *Albert Frederick*, born in 1670. and *Charles Philip*, born 1672, and two Sisters, *Mary Amelia*, born in 1671, Married to *Maurice William* Duke of *Saxony*, and Adminstrator of *Naumburgh* in 1689. and *Elizabeth Sophia*, born in 1674. and Married to the Duke of *Courland*.

Country-m. Master *Observator*, I thank you heartily for your Information, I protest it chears my Heart. The Male-Contents at *London* do represent that Family as not Superiour to a Country Squires; but I find they can pervert and mislead none but the Stupid and Ignorant. That Family is truly worthy the Succession of the *English* Crown, and future Ages will have great Reason to Bless the very Name of that good King and of that good Parliament which settled the Succession of the Crown in a Line of such Protestant Worthies.

Obs. A good King and a good Parliament could do no less. 'Tis their Duty to take care of the Succession of the Crown, so that it be settled to the best Advantage of the People, for whose good Kings Reign, and Parliaments Enact Laws: If the Succession was to be Settled, it must be either in the Popish or the Protestant Line; no good *English* Protestant, I am sure, can wish for a Popish Successor. We in *England* have found by dear-bought Experience, how ill a Popish Head suits with a Protestant Body. And we have great Cause to Bless God, that at the Demise of our Glorious Monarch King *William*, we had two Female Branches left of the Regal Line, on which we could repose the Royal Diadem, the Laws and Liberties of the People of *England*. Such is our present Soveraign Lady Queen *Ann*, and such are her illustrious and accomplish'd Successors. Now the Act of the People of *England* in settling the Succession after this manner, was very natural, and agreeable to their Circumstances. We had in some preceding Reigns been almost Ruined by the Intrigues of *France*, whose Ministers crept into our Councils and tun'd the Fiddles at the *English* Court to the *French* Kings Key. So that there was a constant Harmony betwixt the two Courts to the great prejudice of the *English* People and Nation: The only way to prevent the Mischievous Effects of such a fatal conjunction, was to settle the Succession of the Throne in such as were Protestants in the next Line, by which means the Designs of *France* are entirely defeated, and the Protestant Interest in *England* may be established in its pristine State and Glory: You see by what I have said of the *Hannover* Family, that the Succession to the Crown of *England* is supported by eminent Props of Foreign Protestant Powers. Which Powers are now riveted to the Protestant Cause by the potent Tye of Interest, since their being *Protestants* is the *Causa sine qua non* their being admitted to the Succession of the *English* Crown; and when they cease to be *Protestants*, they step beside the Act of Settlement, and depose themselves.

The good Nature, Temper and Disposition of the *English* People was manifest in this Act of Settlement, in that they did it not, out of any particular Picque or Quarrel with any of their Kings or their Successors, but meerly for the sake of their Dear Country, of the Laws and Liberties of *England*, and the good of posterity, all which must have been Ruined and Undone by a Popish Prince's having the Administration of the *English* Government. They ever gave the greatest Encouragement to those of their Kings as Governed by Law, and supported the Church of *England*; and their forbearance and long Suffering towards others who have otherwise behaved themselves, has been remarkable. Men do not so much stand upon Punctilio's of Honour when their condition is desperate; I am not to be Killed by the Father of my Country, no not by my Natural Father. I am at Liberty by the Law of God, of Nature, of Nations, and by the Law of *England*, to defend my self and my Property. And what the People of *England* did, in relation to the Act of Settlement, amounted to thus much and no more; they Acted in their own Defence and for their own Safety, *removendo Prohibens & promovendo Adjuvans*. By setting aside such as would let in the Popish and Arbitrary *Wolves* upon them, and by putting the management of the Government into the hands of such as would keep them out. And would not any Wise State, nay, any Wise Man in his own private concerns, have done the like? Tis an easy thing to lead *Englishmen* by the Reins of a Gentle and Legal Sway; but very difficult is it to drive them by the Lash and Scourges of *Arbitrary Power*. And it has been observed, That such Kings of *England*, as have laid Heavy and Illegal Burthens on their People, have broke their own Power, before they cou'd break their People's Backs.

In short, Sir, this Act of Settlement is the greatest tye upon the Successors to the Crown to keep themselves entirely in the *Protestant* Interest; as also it destroys the hopes of all *Popish Pretenders* whatsoever, when they see the People of *England* are resolved never to suffer a *Popish Prince* to enjoy the imperial Crowns of these Realms.

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